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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Appln. No.: 10/811,477 Filing Date: March 26, 2004

Examiner: Carl R. NICOLIA et al. Art Unit: 3632

Invention: **Fixture Carrier**

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application.

Small Entity Status is/has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.  
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.  
 No additional fee is required.  
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Total <u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>x \$ 9.00</u>	<u>x \$ 18.00</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
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First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim/s		+ \$145.00	+ \$290.00	\$ 0
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				<u>\$ 0</u>

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on its merits, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and an annotated copy of the replacement sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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